



Borough of Tenby

ANNUAL
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1966

B O R O U G H O F T E N B Y .

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THE YEAR 1966.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Tenby

Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Dowsett and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual
Report upon matters affecting Public Health in the
Borough during the year 1966.

Infectious Disease.

Immunisation against infectious disease is
becoming more and more effective so that the incidence
rate remains low. Unfortunately, the Measles vaccine
is not yet available for general use. A number of
cases of Measles did occur during the year but, fortun-
ately, no serious complications were reported.

Housing.

During 1966, further progress was made in
housing, both private and council housing, but partic-
ularly in private development. The demand for suitable
housing for the elderly in the town itself is great and
the waiting list remains a long one.

I should like to take this opportunity to
thank the members of the Council and its Officers for
their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include
in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)

1966..... 4,530

	<u>Borough of Tenby 1966</u>	<u>Borough of Tenby 1965</u>	<u>County of Pembroke</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Live Births	68	75		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	15.01	16.59	17.57	17.7
Illegitimate Live Births	3	4		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	4.4	5.3		
Still Births	Nil	1		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	13.15	20.10	15.4
Total Live and Still Births	68	76		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1yr)	2	3		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	29.41	40	18.17	19.0
- legitimate	14.7	26.6		
- illegitimate	14.7	13.3		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 wks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	29.4	40	11.72	12.9
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 wk)(per 1,000 Live Births)	29.4	40	9.96	11.1

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Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 wk & Still Births combined) (per 1,000 Live & Still births)	29.4	52.6	29.86	26.3
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.26
Deaths	52	76		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	11.47	16.8	11.72	11.7

Infant Deaths.

Two infants died during the year and each was under 1 week old. Details are as follows :-

<u>Age at death.</u>	<u>Birth Weight.</u>	<u>Cause of death.</u>
1) 12 hours	2 lbs.10 ozs.	Prematurity and Atelectasis pulmonum.
2) 2 days	7 lbs. 8 ozs.	Broncho-pneumonia and bilateral adrenal haemorrhage.

Deaths (General).

19 of the total 52 deaths last year were due to Heart disease. There were only 8 deaths from malignant disease and 5 of these were due to cancer of the lung - 4 men and a woman, two of whom are known to have been fairly heavy cigarette smokers.

Approximately 36.5% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and approximately 21% in persons aged over 80 years.



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<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	25	27
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	-
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	4	1
Malignant neoplasm breast		1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	1
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	5
Coronary disease, angina	9	3
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-
Other heart disease	1	5
Other circulatory disease	-	5
Pneumonia	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	3
All other accidents	1	-

Tuberculosis.

One man, aged 50 years, died from Respiratory Tuberculosis during the year and one new case was notified to us.

B.C.G. Vaccination: Vaccination of contacts and school children (13 years and over) continues to be carried out in the Borough. Clinic sessions are held for this purpose and the Schools are also visited. During 1966, 116 school leavers were skin tested and 113 vaccinated; 10 Contacts were skin tested and 7 of these required vaccination. Dr. D.Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

Mass Radiography.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the Borough in December and carried out a survey amongst the general population. A total of 242 persons were examined and details of the results are as follows:

	<u>Grand Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total number examined	242	126	116
Number found to be abnormal	19 (7.85%)	15	4
No. requiring further observation	4 (1.65%)	4	-
Other abnormalities of chest	15 (6.2%)	11	4

<u>Summary of Abnormalities.</u>	<u>Age Group.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total found to be abnormal - 19	15 -24	-	1
	25 -34	1	-
	35 -44	1	-
	45 -59	3	1
	60 & over	10	2
		<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>

<u>Abnormalities of chest - 15</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Healed Primary Tuberculosis	1	-
Healed Post Primary Tuberculosis	1	-
<u>Non-Tuberculous:</u>		
Abnormality of bony thorax & soft tissues	1	-
Acquired cardiac abnormalities and abnormalities of vascular system	5	4
Pulmonary fibrosis (including asthma and bronchitis)	3	-
	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>

Notification of Infectious Diseases.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified to us during the year :-

Measles	...	...	...	31
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	1
Respiratory Tuberculosis.	...	...	...	1
Paratyphoid Fever..	...	...	...	1
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	6

National Health Service Act 1946.

Local Health Services: Both vaccination against Smallpox and immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus are carried out at The Clinic and by general practitioners, who were paid by the County Council for records received each quarter by your Medical Officer. The total records for 1966 are as follows :-

<u>Primary Vaccinations:</u>	83	<u>Re-vaccinations:</u>	4
<u>Diphtheria Immunisations:</u>	87	<u>Re-inforcing Doses:</u>	136
<u>Whooping Cough Immunisations:</u>	82	<u>Tetanus Immunisations:</u>	99

Ambulance Service.

The County Council is responsible for the running of this Service and there are nine Ambulances based at various points in the County. Cars are occasionally hired for sitting cases.

During 1966, the Red Cross Voluntary Attendant, Miss K.Rees, was appointed full-time paid Ambulance Attendant to assist on the Tenby Ambulances.

Tenby No.1 Ambulance made a total of 489 journeys during the year, conveying 2,246 sitting cases and 232 stretcher cases. 22,427 miles were travelled in all - an average of 9 miles per case.

Ambulance No. 2 made 463 journeys and dealt with 1,159 sitting cases and 297 stretcher cases. This Ambulance travelled 20,099 miles, averaging 13.7 miles per case.

National Assistance Act 1948.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this Section.

House Purchase and Housing Act 1959.

The numbers of applications received during 1966 for grant aid towards improvements were as follows :-

	<u>No. of Applications.</u>	<u>Approved.</u>
Standard Grants	4	4
Discretionary Grants	7	7

Houses provided under the Housing Acts.

The total number of houses and flats erected under the Housing Acts by the Council is 404. These may be sub-divided as follows :-

<u>Location.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2 Bed.</u>
		<u>Beds.</u>	<u>Beds.</u>	<u>Beds.</u>	<u>Bed.</u>	<u>Flats.</u>
Newell Hill	56	-	44	-	-	12
Maudlins	36	-	36	-	-	-
The Glebe	89	-	89	-	-	-
Knowling Mead	106	1	68	9	4	24
Augustus Place	22	-	-	-	22	-
Churchill Close	24	-	-	-	-	24
Heywood Court	71	-	-	-	23	48
Totals:	404	1	237	9	49	108

Also, 8 one-bedroomed houses are now available in Jones Terrace.

Refuse collection and Disposal.

There was no change in the refuse collection service during the year and the schedule of 5 collections a week in the town and twice weekly collections on the estates was maintained. The Kiln Park Caravan Site has its own private daily collection with facilities for disposal at the Corporation's refuse tip. The Surveyor's Department operate a daily collection of refuse from the beaches.

The disposal of refuse by controlled tipping continued at Clickett's Lane and a large area has now been re-claimed. The best use is made of available covering materials and regular spraying of insecticides is carried out during the season.

Camping Sites.

The following caravan sites are operating in the Borough :-

1) Kiln Park and Quarry Site	- 600 Caravans
2) Salterns	- 58 "
3) Zion Gardens	- 28 "
4) Meadow Farm	- 12 "
5) Windmills	- 10 "

A number of visits were made to these sites and progress is being made.

I regret that the Report of the work of the Public Health Inspector is incomplete, owing to the serious illness and untimely death of Mr.H.P.Lawrence.

